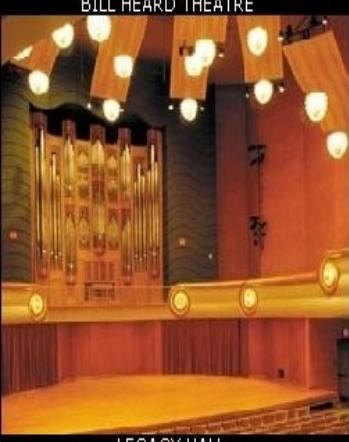


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“Grow Benning” Regional Challenge

for

Mission Sustainability Workshop

by

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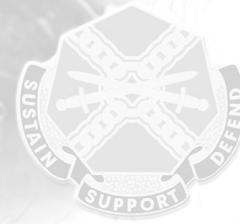
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Special Partnerships

- 1917 - The Columbus Community Recruits Fort Benning
- 1952 - Fort Benning and the adjoining counties form the Civilian Military Council
- Tri Community Riverwalk
- Fort Benning / Columbus Historic Preservation Partnership
- National Infantry Museum
- River Restoration
- Railyard Relocation

Future of Fort Benning

- **Positive Growth is affected by:**
 - **Transformation - This Presentation** (6,000 soldiers)
 - 10 New Army Brigades (ie. 5th Bde, 25th Inf. Div)(Apr-Aug 06)
 - Other Unit Changes: Medical; Engineer; Ranger, etc.
 - School changes: IBCT, BOLC, OCS, Airborne, etc.
 - BRAC 2005 - Fall 2005 (est. 35+ Army bases to close)
 - Impact up to 40,000 soldiers; 20,000 civilian positions
 - Impact up to 30,000 airman; and civilian positions
 - Overseas Re-stationing back to U.S. - (To BRAC retained Bases)
 - European Forces (returning 55,000-70,000 troops, 100,000 family members, and civilian employees)
 - Pacific Forces: Korea and Japan (15,000+ current estimate)



Building Political Consensus

- Georgia – State Level (Ga MACC):
 - **Georgia Inter-departmental Task Force for Growth**
 - **Columbus/Muscogee Consolidated Gov't**
 - **Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Consolidated Gov't**
 - **Harris County Board of Commissioners**
 - **Marion County Board of Commissioners**
 - **Talbot County Board of Commissioners**
 - **Stewart County Board of Commissioners (April 2005)**
 - **Valley Partnership JDA, 6 County ED Dev Authority**
 - **Lower Chattahoochee & Flint RDC's**
- Alabama – State Level (AL DHS POC) and:
 - **Phenix City, City Council**
 - **Russell County Board of Commissioners & Planning Commission**
 - **Smiths Station Board of Commissioners in Lee County**
 - **Lee Russell Council of Governments**

Mission Sustainability-Growth

Conduct a number of Studies - Crucial

- Community Capacity – Wexford Group International (Community = regional context)
- Facilitate Mission Sustainability Initiatives and Study (FORSCOM Funded)
- Conduct Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)
- Support Army Funded Regional Simulation Model on Growth (R-Sim)
- Participate in and support the Bi-State Metropolitan Regions Initiative, Columbus-Phenix City Region (Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia)

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

Military

On Post - 10,625

Off Post - 20,395

 GA - 75%

 AL - 25%

Off post military is currently
being
analyzed by Ft. Benning

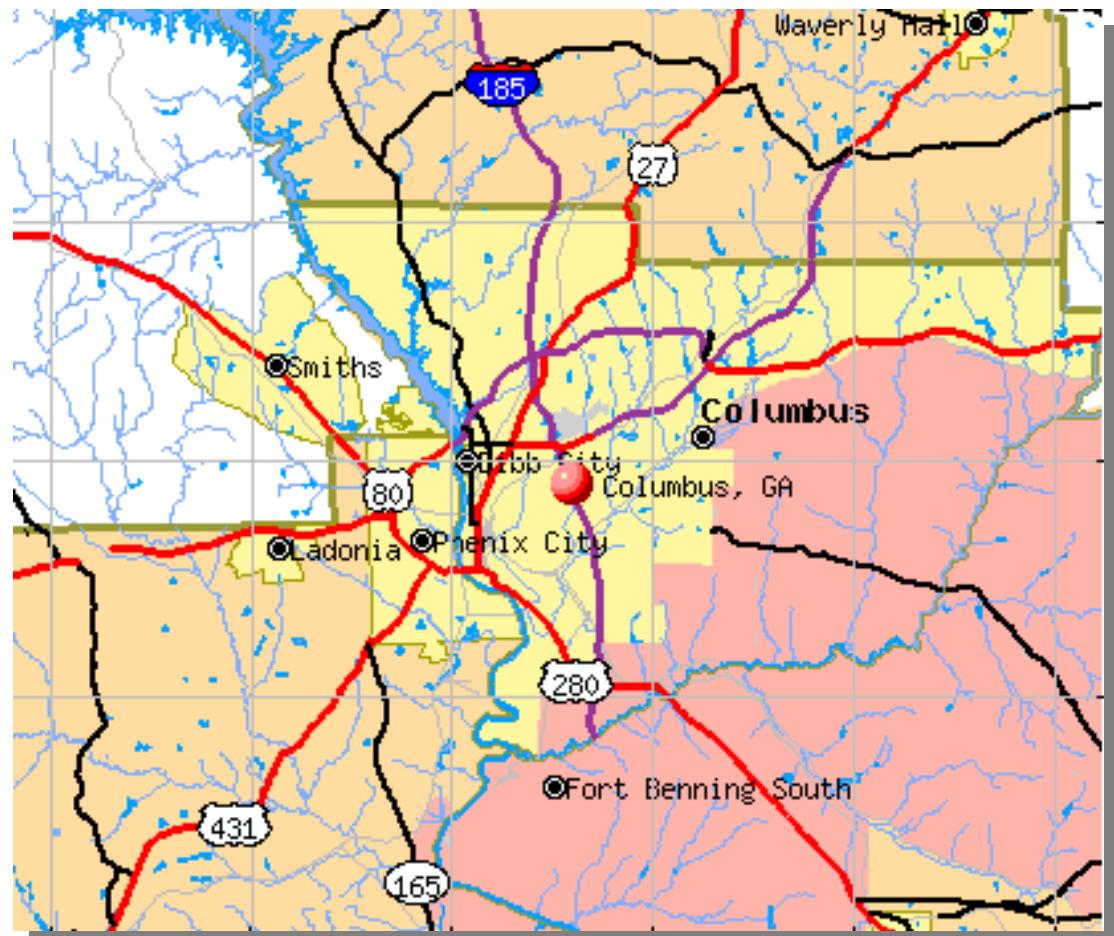
Civilians

All Off Post - 6,712

 GA - 78%

 AL - 19%

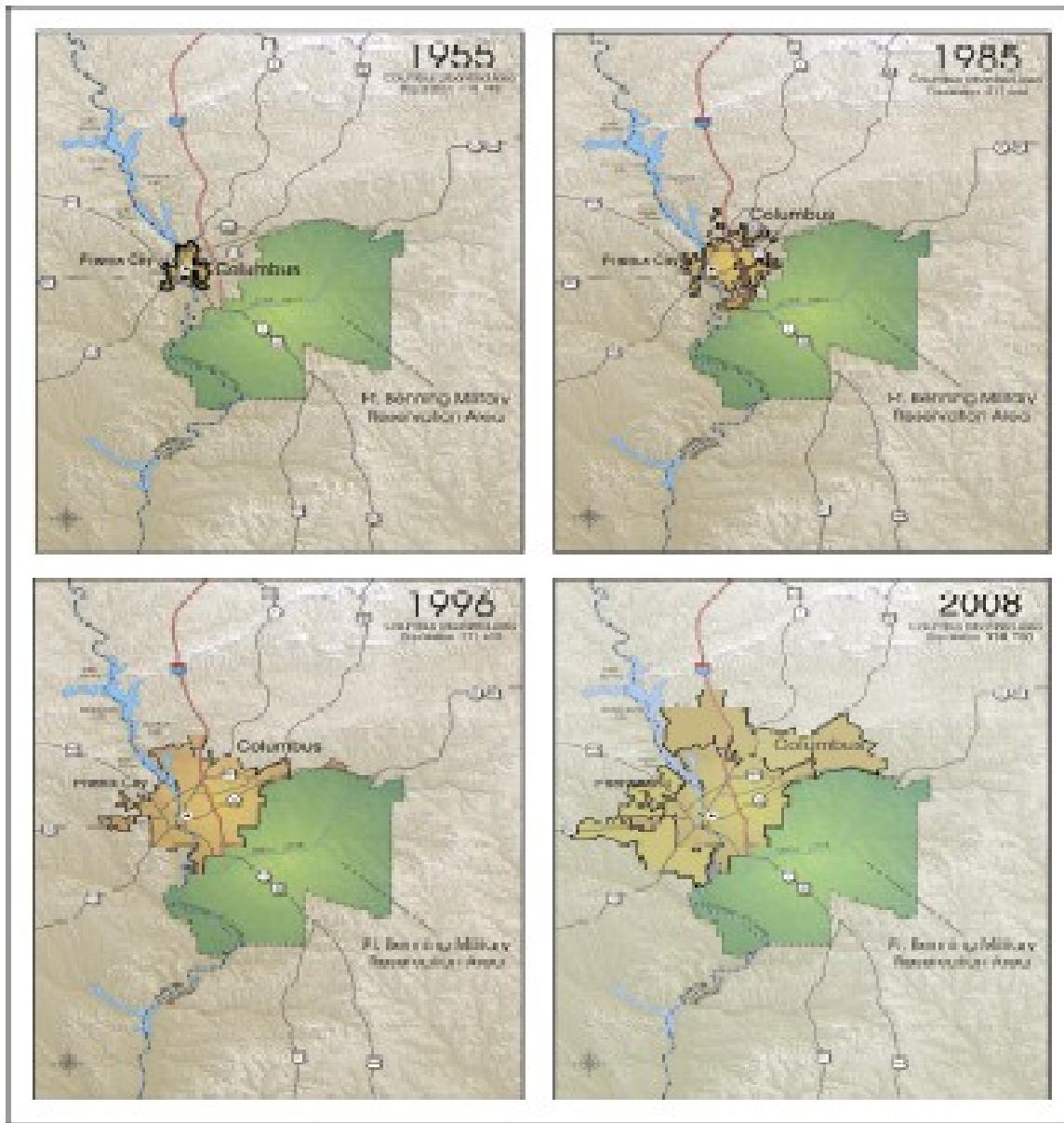
 Other - 3%



Mission Sustainability- Protect the Installations Missions from Regional Development

- Growth Pattern depicted on next slide
- Objective - Protect Fort Benning from Encroachment
- Political Support; Member on Policy Committee; Consider Recommendations
- Conduct Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)
 - DOD and Fort Benning desire this JLUS
 - DOD pays 75%
 - FBFP will pay remaining 25%

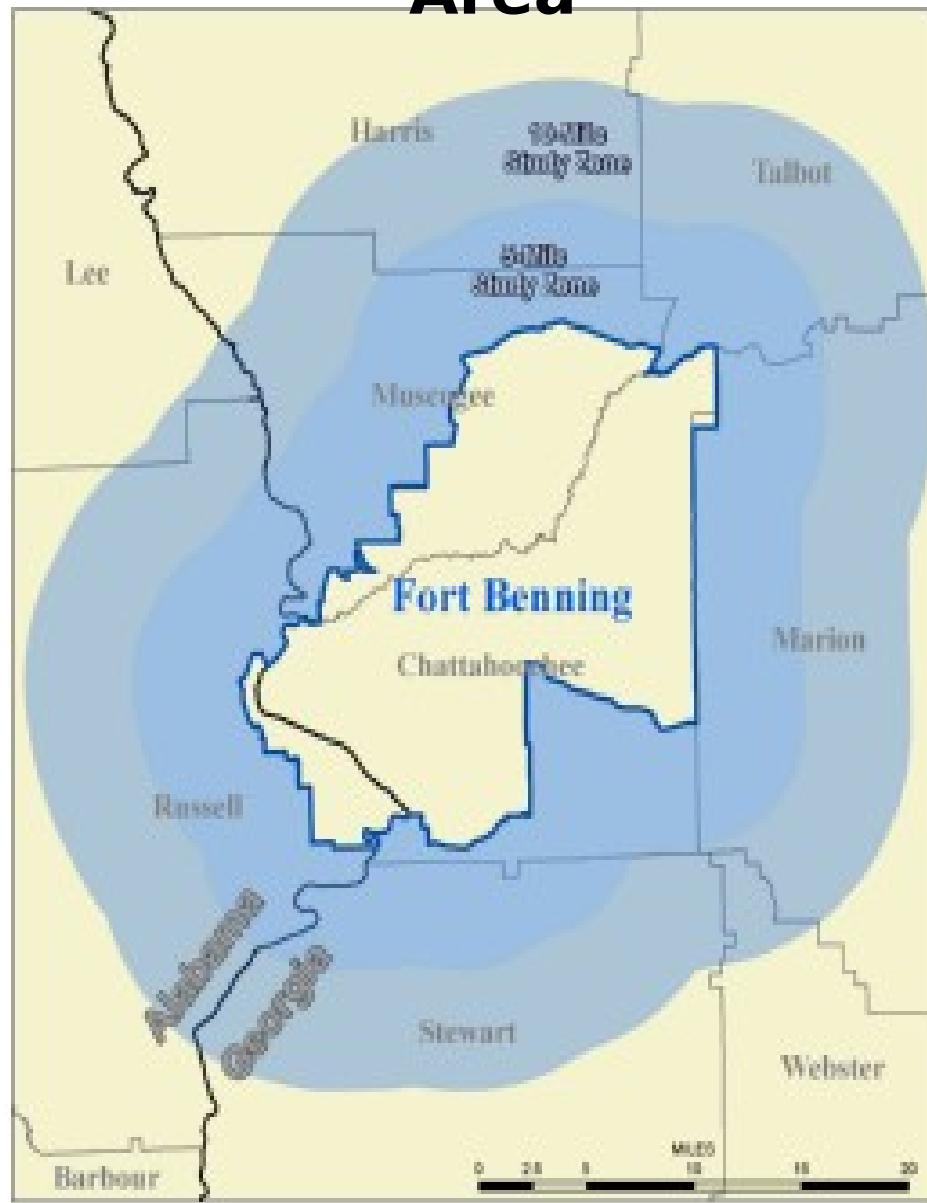
Figure 1: Historical and Projected Urban Growth Near Fort Benning, Georgia



Source: Department of the Army (map); GAO (emphasis).

Note: (Top left to right) Urban growth near Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1955 and 1985. (Bottom left to right) Urban growth near Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1996 and projected for 2008.

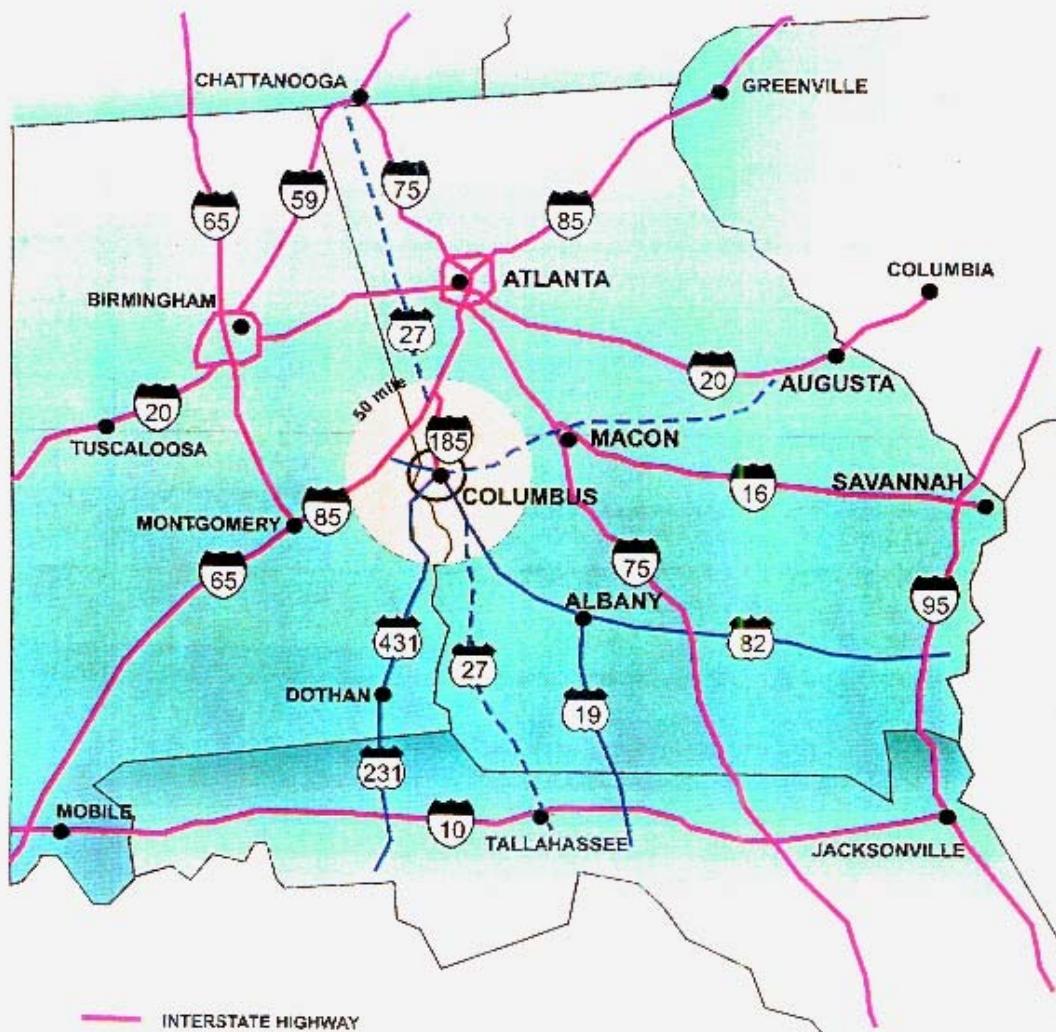
Joint Land Use Study Area



Regional Transportation Projects

- US Hwy 27 Improvements
- US Hwy 80 Improvements
- Interstate 185 Improvements
- US Hwy 431 Improvements
- Possible Interstate 14 Corridor

MAJOR ROADS OF GEORGIA



INTERSTATE HIGHWAY
FOUR-LANE ROAD
FOUR-LANE ROAD
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Georgia Power logo consists of the words "GEORGIA POWER" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter "A" in "GEORGIA" is stylized with a pink triangle pointing upwards to its right. Below the main text is the word "SOUTHERN COMPANY" in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font.

Community Impact

- 65% married (expect this % to increase) (6,000 x .65=)
Spouses available for workforce **3,900**
- 1.8 children per family **7,020**
 - **75% estimated to be school age (pre K-12)** **5,265**
 - Tour Length 36 + 36 months (Increases Home Purchases)

Immediate Impact:

- Housing capacity - Single Family & Multi Family; 3,800+ families
 - Also need housing for single soldiers, all E-6 NCOs and above (700-800 est)
- Public education capacity - over 5,000 potential new students
- Available workforce increase - 3,500+
- Technical training capacity - 1,500+
- Health care/Dental care capacity
- Transportation System Improvements (GA & AL)
- Infrastructure Expansions (Water/Sewer)(GA & AL)
- Governmental Smart Growth Challenges

Public Education

- Georgia, Dept of Education & 3 Public Education Systems
 - Muscogee County School District
 - Harris County School System
 - Chattahoochee County School System
- Alabama, Dept of Education coordination pending
 - Lee County School System (Smiths Station)
 - Phenix City School System
 - Russell County School System
- DoDES, Fort Benning
- 20 Private Schools – Capacity validated

Higher Education

- 6 Colleges & Universities
 - Columbus State University
 - Troy University (Ft. Benning) & Troy University (Phenix City)
 - University of Phoenix
 - Georgia Military College
 - Beacon College
- 3 Technical / Community Colleges
 - Columbus Technical College
 - Chattahoochee Valley Community College
 - Southern Union (Opelika) pending

Georgia Partnership

- **Gov Perdue's 2005 Assistance:**
 - OneGeorgia Planning Grant funds-Study: \$44,000
 - To Support JLUS, GA MACC, additional \$25,000
 - Governmental Needs Study - Chattahoochee (TBD)
 - Transportation:
 - Advance funding of two Interstate projects that are in TIP (I-185 widening & I-185/Victory Drive interchange)
 - New interchange proposed for (US27 & 8th Div Rd)
 - GA 137 Bridge project advanced, Chattahoochee County
 - Water & Sewer Projects
 - Chattahoochee County (planning ongoing)
 - Marion County
 - Stewart County
 - Fort Benning-U.S. Army: \$7 Million upgrade 3-05

Georgia Partnership

- **Gov Perdue's 2005 Assistance (Cont.):**
 - Public Education
 - Muscogee County School District: QBE; Const \$15 million
 - Chattahoochee County School System
 - Harris County School System: Const \$500,000 portable Classrooms
 - Higher Education
 - Columbus State University; Teacher Certification; Law Enforcement Training; Health Care (BSN)
 - Columbus Technical College; Health Care; Construction Sciences/Trades; etc.

Alabama Partnership

- **Gov Riley has offered assistance - he is being asked for:**
 - Planning funds
 - Transportation Projects
(Designed to Open land for Residential Development)
 - Possible Hwy 165 Improvement
 - Possible new road from Hwy 165 to Hwy 431
 - Public Education (Schools)
 - Higher Education
 - Troy University - Teachers, etc; Possible Facility Assistance
 - CVCC - Healthcare, Construction, etc.
 - Water & Sewer Projects; Phenix City & Russell County & Smiths Station in Lee County are top priority

Economic Impact

- Permanent Employment

Direct new Military Jobs 6,000

- Total Spouses/Children 10,920

- Full Time Civilian Job increases TBD

Direct Job Population Increase **16,920**

Plus Clark Pinnacle Const & Families 3,100

Indirect Job Creation-minimum 1,500

MSA Growth by 7.5% + Normal Growth 1.5%

Family Units 3,900

School Enrollment 5,000+

Additional Impact – Salaries/Contracts

Fort Benning Growth Summary

as of March 22, 2005

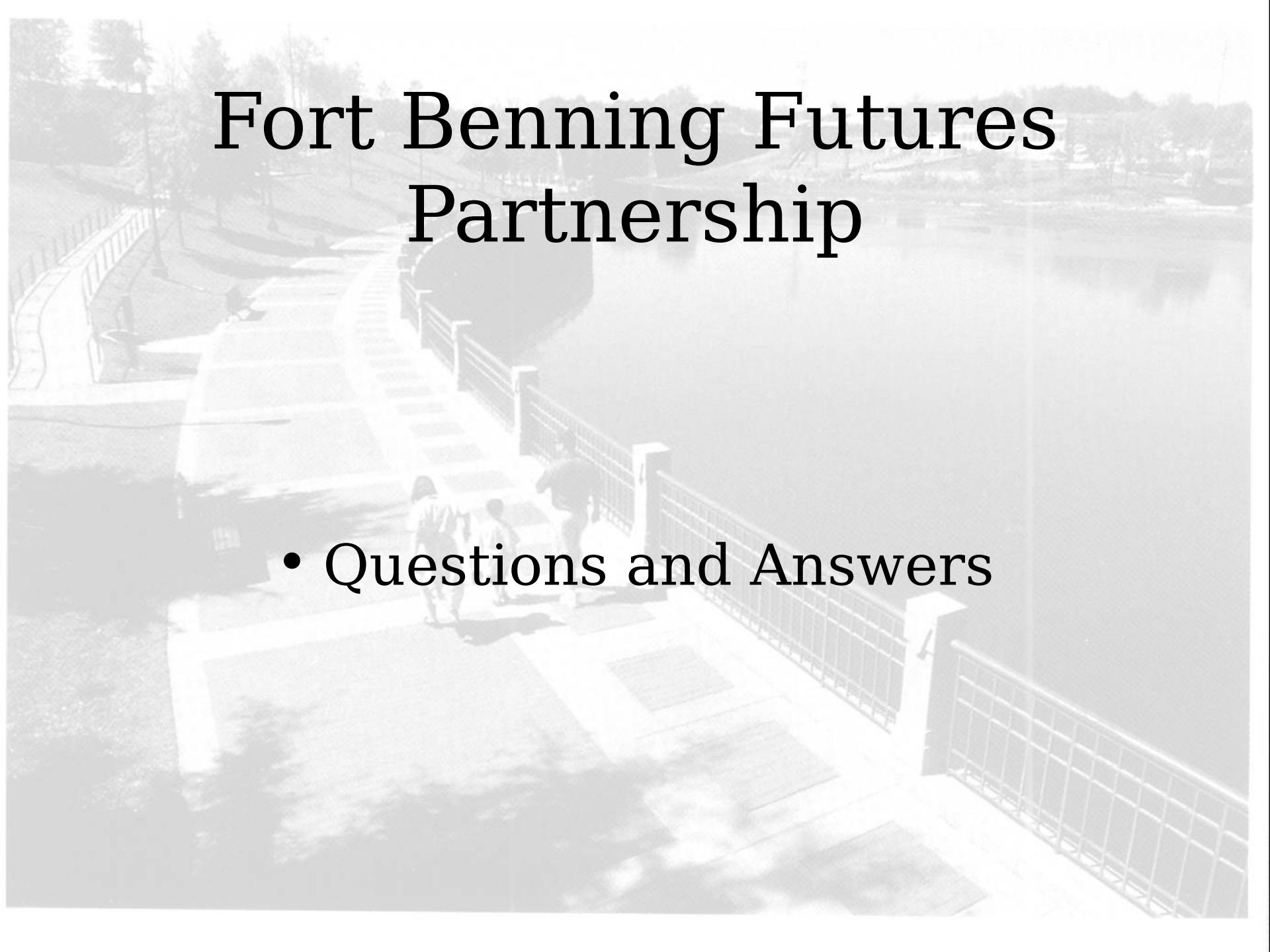
- **MSA Population Growth Summary, with approximate totals:**
 - **New Soldiers 6,000**
 - **Spouses (65% of above) 3,900**
 - **Children 7,000**
 - **Construction - Clark Pinnacle 2,000**
 - **Construction related families 1,100**
 - **Total for Planning 20,000**

Fort Benning estimates that 300 of these soldiers have already been assigned to the installation

Fort Benning
Home of the Infantry



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- Questions and Answers